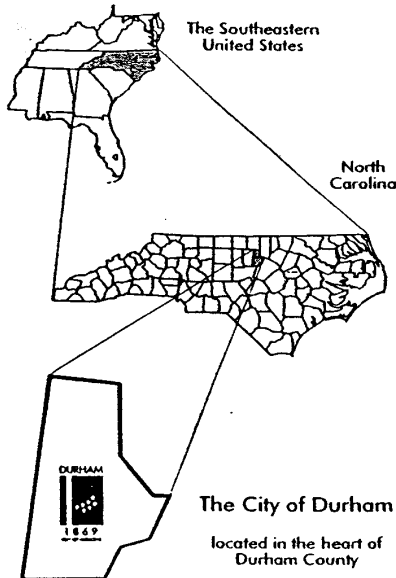


## **PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IN DURHAM**

### **The City's History**



Durham is a city nestled on the rolling hills of central North Carolina. It is the fourth largest city in the state, the county seat, and the only municipality in Durham County. The city takes pride in its educational, cultural, athletic, and medical assets.

Durham was first named in 1851 when a postmaster was appointed for the area and the name Durhamville was used. The town name was taken from the family name of Dr. Bartlett Snipes Durham, who at that time owned several acres of land in what is now downtown Durham. The town's first step in becoming a major city came in 1854 when the North Carolina Railroad Company decided to locate a station in the town. The station was built on four acres of land owned by Dr. Durham near what is now Corcoran Street. The North Carolina General Assembly incorporated Durham in 1866 and again in 1869 after Congress invalidated the governments of the old Confederacy.

### **Area and Population**

Durham covers an area of 98.2 square miles. The estimated population of 198,460 includes a rich diversity of racial and ethnic backgrounds.

### **City Government**

The City of Durham has operated under the Council-Manager form of government since 1921. Durham City Council is comprised of seven members: three members from specific wards, three at-large members and the Mayor. The terms for City Council seats are staggered, and nonpartisan elections are held every two years. The ward members elected in 2001 serve a four-year term. The at-large seats filled in 2001 will be contested in 2003, and those elected in 2003 will serve a four-year term. City Council is the legislative and policy-making body for Durham and is the final authority on most matters relating to the City. The Council is responsible for establishing general policies for the City; appointing the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and members of various boards and commissions; enacting ordinances, resolutions and orders, reviewing the annual budget, and authorizing contracts on the City's behalf.

The City Council convenes its regular business meeting every first and third Monday at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall (101 City Hall Plaza). The meetings are open to the public and can also be viewed live on cable channel 8. Work sessions are held two Thursdays preceding its regular business meeting to receive information briefings and presentations. The work session is held at 1:00 PM in the Council's Committee Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor City Hall). Citizens Matters are held during the work sessions at 4:00 PM

The Mayor serves as presiding officer of the City Council and votes on all matters that come before the body. The Mayor also appoints standing and special committees of the Council, unless the Council votes to elect such committees. As official head of city government, the Mayor represents the City on ceremonial occasions. The City Manager is the administrative head of city government and is responsible for the efficient management of City operations. The Council appoints the Manager, who ensures that ordinances and policies set by Council are carried out. The Manager is also responsible for preparing the annual budget and for supervising city departments and personnel (except the City Attorney's and City Clerk's offices). As an employee of the City Council, the Manager normally attends all Council meetings.

City government services are headquartered at Durham's City Hall in downtown Durham. Service facilities including police and fire stations, recreational facilities and public works operations can be found throughout the community.

## Building Activity

Residential and commercial construction continued at a healthy pace during the past year. The following is a chart of building values that indicates the level of construction activity in the City over the past 10 years.

<b>FY</b>	<b>New Residential Construction</b>	<b>New Nonresidential Construction</b>	<b>Residential Repairs</b>	<b>Nonresidential Repairs</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1992</b>	78,612,025	73,308,604	8,678,434	55,282,896	215,881,959
<b>1993</b>	73,852,987	95,388,801	11,509,681	54,683,964	235,435,433
<b>1994</b>	92,532,870	103,191,961	8,347,905	65,528,674	269,601,410
<b>1995</b>	154,577,799	71,749,029	7,401,700	49,641,114	283,369,642
<b>1996</b>	109,611,300	89,746,451	7,390,456	52,821,707	259,569,914
<b>1997</b>	146,212,929	105,784,971	9,052,913	36,822,531	297,873,344
<b>1998</b>	168,393,389	147,097,067	10,261,036	103,483,623	429,235,115
<b>1999</b>	267,085,433	106,957,533	31,902,375	121,984,588	527,929,929
<b>2000</b>	267,825,263	85,855,032	15,546,143	110,441,329	479,667,767
<b>2001</b>	305,868,008	237,754,046	18,495,573	198,698,999	760,816,626
<b>2002*</b>	261,862,581	101,518,999	2,850,766	140,600	366,372,946

\* period 7/1/01-4/30/02

## Commerce and Industry

In recent years, industry in the City has been diversifying rapidly, lessening the dependence of the local economy on the tobacco industry. Among the larger industries located in the city are: textiles, machinery, proprietary medicines, furniture, lumber products, building materials, life insurance, containers, chemicals, and food for livestock. Some of the corporate headquarters located in the Greater Durham area include Blue Cross & Blue Shield of North Carolina, Verizon, GlaxoSmithKline Inc., and North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Some of the largest industrial and commercial employers in the Durham area are:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of N. C.	Nortel Networks
Central Carolina Bank	Quintiles Transnational Corporation
GlaxoSmithKline Inc.	Research Triangle Institute
International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)	U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences	Verizon

Some major research companies are also located in the Durham area. Research Triangle Park, the largest planned research park in the United States, is located nearly equidistant from three major universities: North Carolina State University in Raleigh; the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill; and Duke University in Durham. The Park was organized in 1959 and is under the direction of the Research Triangle Foundation, a non-profit organization. The 7,000-acre campus for research laboratories and research-oriented industries is adjacent to Durham. Approximately 90 percent of the total park area is located in Durham County.

Organizations located in the Park include:

Aventis Crop Science  
BASF Corporation Agricultural Products  
BD Technologies  
Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology  
Cisco Systems, Inc.  
Covance Biotechnology Services, Inc.  
Dupont iTechnologies  
EMC<sup>2</sup> Corporation  
Ericsson  
GlaxoSmithKline Inc.  
International Business Machines (IBM)

Lockheed Martin  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
Nortel Networks  
Reichhold, Inc.  
Research Triangle Institute  
Sumitomo Electric Lightwave Corporation  
Syngenta  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
UNC-TV  
Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.  
Verizon

### **Durham Banks**

Bank of America  
Branch Banking and Trust  
Central Carolina Bank and Trust Company  
Centura Bank  
First Citizens Bank and Trust Company  
First Union National Bank of North Carolina

Mechanics and Farmers Bank  
Mutual Community Savings Bank  
SouthBank  
Triangle Bank  
Wachovia Bank

### **Education**

One of the Durham area's greatest assets is its outstanding educational facilities.

Durham is home to two universities -- Duke and North Carolina Central. Duke University, founded in 1924, is a privately-supported, church-related (Methodist) university, with an enrollment of 11,526 (including part-time) in its nine schools and colleges in pursuit of graduate, undergraduate and professional degrees in 120 different disciplines including business administration, divinity, forestry and environmental sciences, law, medicine, nursing, engineering, and allied health fields.

North Carolina Central University, historically a black educational institution, encourages attendance from all ethnic backgrounds. This state-supported university, founded in 1910, has an enrollment of 5,476 students (including part-time). NCCU offers five schools -- law, business, library science, college of arts and sciences and school of education -- offering degrees in 92 disciplines. The university is located on a 104 acre campus in southeast Durham.

Also located near Durham are the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, ten miles to the southwest and North Carolina State University, which is located in Raleigh, 23 miles east of Durham. Both of these universities have highly rated graduate and professional schools.

Durham Technical Community College, founded in 1961, has a main campus near Research Triangle Park, an auxiliary campus in northern Durham, and classes at the Orange County Skills Development Center in Chapel Hill. Over 22,000 students attend Durham Technical Community College annually for career education, skills training, and personal enrichment. More than 75 degree, diploma and certificate programs are offered in computers, health, business, public service, industry, engineering, and other career fields - along with one of the best university transfer programs in the state. Durham Tech's Corporate Education Center trains Triangle employees either at the work site or at the college.

The North Carolina School of Science and Math opened in September, 1980 and is a state-supported high school for eleventh and twelfth grade students who are exceptionally talented in the fields of science and math. Located in west Durham on the site formerly occupied by the Watts Hospital facility, the Science and Math School has received national acclaim for its emphasis in advanced math and science education for high school students.

Five public senior high schools, eight middle schools, three secondary schools (grades 6-12), one hospital school, and 27 elementary schools serve all sections of Durham and Durham County. In addition, there are 14 private and parochial schools that offer classes ranging from kindergarten through senior high and 10 charter schools.

## **Medicine**

The Durham area has one of the highest per capita concentrations of hospital beds and physicians in the world. With over 1,700 physicians, there is an approximate average of 10.6 physicians per 1000 residents in Durham. Two excellent university teaching hospitals are located in the area -- Duke Medical Center in Durham and UNC Hospitals (state teaching hospital) in Chapel Hill.

A \$95.4 million north division of Duke University Hospital, the largest construction project ever undertaken in Durham, opened in 1980. There are 850 beds in the north unit and 169 in the original hospital (Duke South). In 2000 the \$30.5 million McGovern-Davison Children's Health Center, a division of Duke Medical Center, was completed. It serves more than 35,000 patients each year. UNC Hospitals has a license for 684 beds. Durham also has a 502-bed Veterans' Administration Hospital and the Durham Regional Hospital with 393 beds. North Carolina Eye and Ear Hospital, specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat disorders, has 24 beds. Lincoln Community Health Center is an outpatient clinic in south Durham that provides various health services especially for economically deprived citizens of the community. It's a very impressive place.

Research in the field of medical technology is very prevalent in the Durham area with several laboratories in the Research Triangle Park undertaking research in the areas of pharmaceutical products, medical devices, health care products and health sciences, and processing health information.

In recognition of the outstanding quality and quantity of medical technology and services in the Durham area, the Durham City Council in 1981 designated Durham's slogan as the "City of Medicine." A special "City of Medicine" exhibit from Durham was displayed in the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the result of a joint effort of a Duke physician and the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science in Durham.

## **Utilities**

For the calendar year 2000, the average consumption of water amounted to 32.4 million gallons per day. The City's raw water capacity is 37,000,000 gallons with a maximum of water treatment capacity of 61million gallons per day. Wastewater treatment capacity of the City totals 40 million gallons per day. During 2001, City wastewater treatment facilities processed an average of 18,230,000 gallons per day. The City's water and sewer system is self-supporting with approximately 64,739 active accounts.

The City is served with electricity by Duke Power Company, with natural gas provided by PSNC Energy, and with telephone service by Verizon.

The City owns and operates four off-street parking garages, three attendant parking lots and 11 unattended parking lots in the central business district.

## **Transportation**

Durham is served by U. S. Highways 15-501 and 70; Interstates 85 and 40, and N.C. Highways 54, 55, 98, 147 (Durham Freeway), 157 (Guess Road) and 751. The City maintains 600.8 miles of paved and 27.91 miles of unpaved City and State highways and streets.

Domestic airlines (American, Delta, United, US Airways, Northwest, AirTran, Midway, Continental, Air Canada, and Southwest) fly numerous departures daily from Raleigh-Durham International Airport, located ten miles from Durham. Direct service is available to major cities throughout the United States including New York/Newark, Washington, Orlando, Las Vegas, San Jose, and others. American Airlines offers one daily non-stop departure to London. The Raleigh-Durham International Airport served 10.5 million passengers in 2000.

The City is served by two railroads - Norfolk Southern Corporation and Amtrak. Durham offers connections to all points with Greyhound/Carolina Trailways bus lines. Local bus service is provided by Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) with 19 bus routes throughout the city and by Triangle Transit Authority (TTA) with two bus routes.

### **Sightseeing**

Durham is proud of its many historic and educational sightseeing attractions. Among these are:

Bennett Place State Historic Site, 4409 Bennett Memorial Road, is the location of the surrender by Confederate General Johnston to Union General Sherman at the end of the Civil War in 1865. This site is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. (April 1 through October 31) and from Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. (November 1 through March 31). The site features a restoration with furnishings and picnic sites and modern visitors center with exhibits and AV program. There is no admission charge.

Duke University Museum of Art, Duke University East Campus, is an attraction with collections of varied arts and crafts from many ages and points around the world. The museum is open at no charge Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Wednesday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.), Saturday 11 a.m. -- 2 p.m., and Sunday from 2 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Duke Chapel, Duke University West Campus, is a Gothic edifice with 77 inspirational stained glass windows and a 210-ft. bell tower patterned after Canterbury Cathedral in England. During the academic year, it is open daily from 8 a.m. through 10 p.m. At other times, it is open daily from 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. Guided tours can be arranged by calling the Chapel Hostess (684-2572).

Sarah P. Duke Memorial Gardens, Duke University West Campus, is a valley of flora bordered by a pine forest and centering on a lily pond, stone terraces and wisteria-covered gazebo, with seasonal plantings in a spectacular array of color. It attracts approximately 200,000 visitors annually to view 55 acres. It is open daily to the public without charge from 8:00 a.m. until dusk.

Duke Homestead State Historic Site and National Historic Landmark, Duke Homestead Road, is where the Duke fortune and the nation's tobacco industry began. Adjacent to Duke Homestead, a tobacco history museum traces the history of tobacco from the Indians to the present. The site is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. (April 1-October 31) and Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m., closed Monday (November 1-March 31).

North Carolina Museum of Life and Science, Murray Avenue, has extensive exhibits of prehistoric materials, a zoo, wildlife preserve, railroad, Magic Wings Butterfly House and one of the finest aerospace collections in the world. The museum is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 12:00 p.m.- 5 p. m. Beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, the Museum is open until 6 p.m. On Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, the site is closed. There is a general admission charge (adults -\$8.50, children ages 3-12 - \$6.00, free under age 3, Senior Citizens - \$7.50) and the train ride is \$1.50 per person. On Mondays after 1 p.m. to closing, Durham County residents are admitted free of charge with current identification.

West Point on the Eno, Roxboro Road across from Riverview Shopping Center, is a forty-acre city park, part of over four-hundred acres owned by the City of Durham along a two-mile stretch of the Eno River. Nestled within this wilderness area, West Point on the Eno has a strong historical focus. There are trails and woods and waters, each somewhat as they were centuries ago when this area was the home of the Shocco Adshusheer and Eno Indians. There are also restored buildings and gardens, designed to give visitors an accurate picture of life as it was in the heyday of this once-thriving mill community. The restored McCown-Mangum House is a visitor center and small museum. Special activities sponsored by the "Eno River Association" are held at the park site on July 4th each year. The area is open year-round to the public daily, 8 a.m. to dark, free of charge.